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Ice Age Trail
Chippewa County

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Chippewa Moraine Segment

Harwood Lakes Segment

Firth Lake Segment

Chippewa River Segment

Chippewa Moraine National Scientific Reserve

Brunet Island State Park

Lake Wissota State Park

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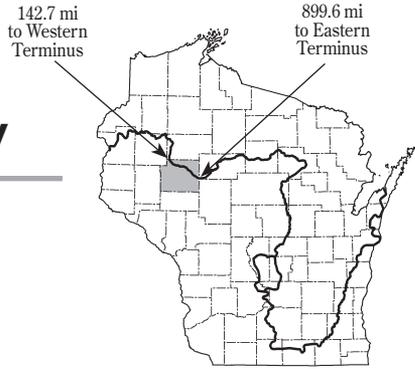
-  Existing Ice Age Trail, subject to change as it evolves toward completion
-  Other Trail
-  Unofficial Connecting Route (unmarked)
-  County Boundary
-  Public or IATA Land

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1 : 280,000 compilation scale
August 25, 2011

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Not intended for use as a hiking map. This map is intended to be a regional map for use with the *Ice Age Trail Companion Guide*. For detailed hiking maps, see the *Ice Age Trail Atlas*.

Chippewa County



Trail miles: 20.1

Connecting route miles: 31.9

Map No.	Segments, Connecting Routes & Points on the Route	E to W	W to E
	CTH-H—Taylor/Chippewa county line	0	52
19f–17f	<i>Connecting Route</i> 24.3 miles		
	CTH-Z	24.3	27.7
16f	Chippewa River Segment (1.3 IAT, 0.5 CR) 1.8 miles		
	CTH-CC	26.1	25.9
16f	Firth Lake Segment 6 miles		
	245th Ave. (Moonridge Trail)	32.1	19.9
16f	<i>Connecting Route</i> 1.8 miles		
	CTH-E	33.9	18.1
16f, 15f	Harwood Lakes Segment 5 miles		
	167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.)	38.9	13.1
15f	Chippewa Moraine Segment 7.8 miles		
	267th Ave. (Oak Ln.)	46.7	5.3
15f, 14f	<i>Connecting Route</i> 5.3 miles		
	Round Lake Rd.—Chippewa/Rusk county line	52	0

The Chippewa Lobe formed Chippewa County’s prominent glacial features, including the Chippewa Moraine. The terminal moraine stands above the surrounding cultivated plains, with lakes and ponds set in a forested jumble of hills. Unlike the higher hills of the interlobate Kettle Moraine in southeastern Wisconsin, the features of the Chippewa Moraine are characterized by gentler hills of “dead ice” moraine. As the ice ceased to move, fissures crisscrossed the glacier. Surface debris, transported by sliding ice and flowing meltwater, filled many cracks and formed a variety of sharp ridges after the ice melted. When debris-covered blocks of ice melted, kettles formed, producing the area’s knob-and-swale landscape. Ice-walled

lake plains, flatter-topped areas formed by glacial lakebeds, are peculiar to this area.

The Chippewa Moraine National Scientific Reserve Visitor Center is perched high atop an ice-walled lake plain and offers views of the lake-dotted countryside. It has a 4.5-mile Circle Trail with interpretive signs and shorter nature trails that explore the area. Inside, modern in-depth displays and hands-on exhibits describe the Wisconsin Glaciation and its legacy in the area. Brunet Island State Park and Chippewa Moraine Reserve are way-points on the Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail.

Primitive camping is permitted on Chippewa County Forest land. Please camp at least 200 feet from waterways and trails. Refer to the *Ice Age Trail Atlas* for more details on camping locations and county forest boundaries.

CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Chippewa Moraine Chapter officially formed in 1988 and sponsors hikes, work outings and presentations on glacial geology. The chapter maintains a close relationship with the Chippewa Moraine Visitor Center, where many events take place, like the annual Parade of Colors hike. In addition to its chapter pages at www.iceagetrail.org, the chapter maintains its own external website, www.iatchippewa.org. The site features a wealth of information, including news items, an archive of chapter newsletters and information for member volunteers and hikers (including segment maps). There is also information about the trail-related merchandise that the chapter offers for sale at the Chippewa Moraine Visitor Center. Follow the chapter on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/iatachippewa>). The chapter periodically sends out short announcements on trail conditions and updates events and new posts on the chapter website. The chapter has a monthly e-newsletter called the *Trail Dispatch*.

COUNTY INFORMATION

Chippewa County Tourism: 866-723-0331, www.chippewacounty.com

Chippewa County Facilities and Parks Division: 715-726-7888

Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management Division:
715-726-7920



Connecting Route
24.3 miles: CTH-H to CTH-Z

ATLAS MAPS
19f-17f

This route stays close to the terminal moraine and follows the proposed Trail corridor for Chippewa County. Shorter alternative routes are possible. The roads travel over hummocky topography with scenic lakes and rivers, rolling ridges and remnants of ice-walled lake plains.

Starting from the Taylor/Chippewa county line, at the intersection of CTH-H and 165th Ave. (CTH-F in Taylor County) take CTH-H south 1.5 miles. Scenic Otter Lake County Park is off-route, only 2.2 miles west of the CTH-H and 165th intersection. The park offers developed campsites, swimming, fishing and picnic areas. On the connecting route, at 130th Ave. turn right and go west 1.5 miles. At 350th St. turn right and go north 1.5 miles. At 145th Ave. turn left and go west 1 mile. At CTH-G turn left and go north 1 mile. At 155th Ave. turn left and go west 1.8 miles. At CTH-S turn left and go south 0.7 miles, crossing the Yellow River. At 150th Ave. turn right and go west 1.1 miles. At CTH-D turn right and go north 0.8 miles. At 157th Ave. turn left and go west 1.5 miles. At this point, the street name changes to 155th Ave.; continue west an additional 1.5 miles. At CTH-EE turn right and go north 5.5 miles. At 210th Ave. (Ruffedt Rd.) turn left and go west 1.8 miles. At 265th St. (Eighth St.) turn right and go north 1.1 miles. At Bridge St. (STH-64/27) turn left and go west 1 mile. Most services for Cornell are on Bridge St. or one block north along Main St. Pass Park Rd., with access to Brunet Island State Park and the Old Abe Trail, a 20-mile converted rail-trail that connects Lake Wissota State Park and Brunet Island State Park. Hike past Millyard Park on the north side of STH-64 before crossing the Chippewa River. In the park are the Cornell Area Visitor Center and the "Stacker." This monster crane was used in the 19th century to hoist logs from the river to the sawmill. Like the Wisconsin River, the Chippewa River transported vast amounts of timber to mills in the 1800s. The park has restrooms, parking and a picnic area. Water and a restroom are also available at the Visitor Center. West of the bridge, turn right at CTH-CC go north 0.8 miles. At CTH-Z turn left and go west 0.2 miles to the Trail access (CH1)

KEY TO SYMBOLS



Automobile access



Parking



Post office



Restaurant



Grocery store



Convenience store



General shopping



Lodging



Camping



Laundromat



Library



Medical care

AREA SERVICES

Otter Lake County Park

From the connecting route at the county line intersection of CTH-H and 165th Ave. (CTH-F), on 165th Ave. go west then join 170th Ave. north for 2.2 miles to the park entrance. Or from STH-64 west of the county line, take CTH-G south 6 miles. At 170th Ave. turn left and go east 1.3 miles to the park entrance. One of the finest fishing lakes in Chippewa County. Offers camping, swimming beach, picnic area and boat launch.

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From the connecting route most services are on Bridge St. (STH-64/27) or 1 block north on Main St.

Brunet Island State Park

(23125 255th St., Cornell, 715-239-6888, <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/>; reservations: 888-947-2757, www.reserveamerica.com). From the connecting route at Park St. and STH-64 (just east of Millyard Park) go north 1.8 miles.



TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING FOR THE CHIPPEWA RIVER SEGMENT



CTH-Z (CH1): From the city of Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 1 mile. At CTH-Z turn left and go west 0.2 miles to the Trail access on the north side of the road. Limited roadside parking.

Additional parking for the Chippewa River Segment: Perch Lake parking area; located on the west side of CTH-CC, 0.3 miles north of CTH-Z intersection.



Chippewa River Segment

1.8 miles (1.3 IAT, 0.5 Connecting Route):
CTH-Z to CTH-CC

ATLAS MAP

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From the Trail access on CTH-Z (CH1), walk west through mixed forest and come quickly upon an open power line area where summertime raspberry bushes grow. Continue in forest on rolling terrain with views of Perch Lake through the forest. Several rock crossings keep feet dry during rainy periods. The Trail leaves the woods after crossing the neck of Perch Lake and entering the Perch Lake parking area. Continue north on CTH-CC for 0.5 miles paralleling the Chippewa River. Watch carefully for the yellow blaze down off the east side of the road (CH2). It indicates where the Trail drops down off the road and

returns to an off-road route. The Trail follows the river in a forest offering stunning river views from the edge of rolling bluffs. The route finds its way through this area of braided, steep topography with vertical gains up to 70 feet. Several deep ravines transect the parcel west to east and water drains seasonally to the Chippewa River. The forest cover includes various species of ash, oak and maple, with an undergrowth of several varieties of seasonal woodland flowers. Near the north end, pass through a twisted gully before rising up and getting one last view of the river through the foliage. Exit the segment on an elevated wooden puncheon that provides safe passage and protects sensitive surrounding wetland vegetation. The large CTH-CC trailhead parking area anchors the segment with a Trail kiosk.



Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2006



TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

FOR THE CHIPPEWA RIVER AND FIRTH LAKE SEGMENTS



CTH-CC: From Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 2.1 miles. Trailhead parking on the east side of CTH-CC.



Firth Lake Segment

6 miles: CTH-CC to 245th Ave. (Moonridge Trail)

ATLAS MAP

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Beginning at the trailhead on the west side of the highway, the Trail crosses part of the Maple Hill End Moraine (**CH3**). This segment can be very wet in spring due to beaver activity in the many lakes and ponds, and there are fence stiles and board bridges throughout. The first 1.3 miles are on private property and feature a 0.3-mile-long walk through an extensive ice-walled lake plain (**CH4**) before entering Chippewa County Forest. The Trail traverses a second-growth northern mesic forest of birch, red maple, ash and balsam, with an understory of fern, clintonia, blue bead lily, blood-root, Indian pipe and red baneberry. Pass an alder swamp near Mile 2, and a half mile farther reach Firth Lake, the focal point of the segment. This 52-acre shallow lake, surrounded by a northern sedge meadow, comes complete with water lilies, cattails, swamp milkweed, beaver lodges, frogs and loons. The Trail crosses a 500-foot boardwalk over an old beaver dam and joins a logging track along the west side of the lake. After passing a Leopold bench, turn left (**CH5**) and away from the lake as the Ice Age Trail enters the Pike’s Peak End Moraine, a hilly, uneven forested area of parallel ridges. Notice two closely spaced eskers formed by glacial runoff deposited from the higher land to the northwest. The Trail meanders through old-growth forest of white and red pine, spruce, aspen and oak. Raspberries are present in late

July. Intersect two logging roads, but continue straight to cross 245th Ave. (Moonridge Trail). The path travels across roller-coaster-type terrain for the next half mile before veering left along a small stream. Just before crossing the eleventh bridge of the segment at Mile 5.6, notice the trailing arbutus on the north slope of the moraine (**CH6**). The Trail reaches 245th Ave. for a second time signaling the end of the segment.



**TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING
FOR THE FIRTH LAKE SEGMENT**



245th Ave. (Moonridge Trail): From Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 1 mile. At CTH-Z turn left and go west 5.3 miles. At CTH-E turn right and go north 2 miles. At 245th Ave. turn right and go 0.9 miles to the trailhead on the north side of the road. Limited roadside parking.



Connecting Route

1.8 miles: 245th Ave. (Moonridge Trail) to CTH-E

ATLAS MAP

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At 245th Ave. (Moonridge Trail) turn right and follow the gravel road 0.9 miles. At CTH-E turn right and walk north (facing traffic) 0.9 miles to the large Ice Age Trail sign just before the entrance to Camp Nawakwa.



**TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING
FOR THE HARWOOD LAKES SEGMENT**



CTH-E: From Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 1 mile. At CTH-Z turn left and go west 5.3 miles. At CTH-E turn right and go north 3 miles. Limited roadside parking.

Additional parking for the Harwood Lakes Segment: Deer Fly Trail trailhead parking. From CTH-M and Deer Fly Trail (road), go south 2.6 miles on Deer Fly Trail (road) and park in the large, grassy area.



Harwood Lakes Segment

5 miles: CTH-E to 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.)

ATLAS MAPS

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This segment is dotted with many traiside benches and bridges built by the Wisconsin Conservation Corps. From the trailhead on CTH-E,

the Ice Age Trail crosses a Scout camp property and passes within view of three lakes. In an open area, the Trail skirts the base of Baldy Mountain then crosses Picnic Lake's tributary on a bridge. Not far from the crossing, a Leopold bench sits overlooking Paul's Lake (CH7). Cross a bridge to enter Chippewa County Forest at Mile 1 and continue through spruce, pine and fir forest, occasionally using old logging trails. The Ice Age Trail crosses a footbridge at the base of an enormous beaver dam, which creates a flowage to the south with several heron nests (CH8). Continue past a massive glacial erratic on the south side of the Trail before coming to Deer Fly Trail (road).

The Trail reenters woods. Shortly after crossing a small stream and the county ATV trail, follow a historic logging track downhill to a swamp. Along the north side of the Trail are ruts from when loggers cut trenches in the ground and filled them with water to create iced tracks to run their logging sleds on (CH9). A bench overlooks a boardwalk and several large white pine trees.

In rolling topography, the Trail offers a view of the Mud Brook Valley (CH10) and crosses Mud Brook on a series of bridges. Just beyond Mile 4, a ridge top overlooks the Harwood Lakes. Slightly farther, a spur trail leads north, down off the ridge to a small, primitive campsite (no privy) on the narrows between the two Harwood Lakes (CH11). Look for the spur trail sign near a large oak tree. About 200 feet past the spur trail, a WCC bench provides a lovely view of the lake (CH17). The Ice Age Trail descends the ridge and levels out as it approaches the west end of the segment and enters the Chippewa Moraine Reserve, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. At 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.), turn right and go north 0.2 miles across a narrow causeway between Plummer Lake and a wetland. The next segment starts on the west side.



TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

FOR THE HARWOOD LAKES AND CHIPPEWA MORAINÉ SEGMENTS



167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.): From USH-53 take the CTH-M/ New Auburn exit. Travel east 13 miles on CTH-M. At 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.) turn right and go south 1 mile to the trailhead parking on the west side of the road near the boat landing area (day-use parking only).

Additional parking for the Chippewa Moraine Segment: (i) 260th Ave. (Rattlesnake Hill Rd.) parking area. From the corner of 260th Ave. (Rattlesnake Hill Rd.) and 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.), travel west 0.5 miles, 0.2 miles beyond the point where the Trail heads off on the north side of the road. Parking in a small lot in the corner of a field. Overnight parking permitted. (ii) Chippewa Moraine Visitor Center on CTH-M.



Chippewa Moraine Segment

7.8 miles: 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.)
to 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.)

ATLAS MAP

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This segment highlights several significant ice-walled lake plains, including the one the Chippewa Moraine Visitor Center is built on. For the first six miles, the Ice Age Trail passes 21 kettle lakes in hardwood forest. West of 260th Ave. (Rattlesnake Hill Rd.), the Ice Age Trail climbs atop the Plummer Lake ice-walled lake plain. Cross a dry stream channel and come to a bench overlooking Dumke Lake (**CH12**). The view here can give a hiker a visual appreciation of how ice-walled lake plains formed. During the Wisconsin Glaciation period, small lakes filled depressions in the ice surface and became walled off by enormous ice blocks. Lakes often formed on debris-covered parts of the glacier and over time, fine sediment accumulated on the lake's floor. When the ice surrounding the lake melted, the sediment that accumulated in the lake remained. This formed a high, flat-topped area on the landscape. Often dish-shaped, these plateau-like areas have rich soil for farming. The coarse material deposited near the ice block wall and glacial lake's shoreline forms a higher "rim"-like ridge around the lake plain. After the glacial lake drained, parts of the ice wall continued to melt and water flowed across the now dry lakebed, carving the channel to the left that you crossed earlier. The channel actually flowed away from Dumke Lake, demonstrating that the ice wall continued to melt long after the original glacial lake was dry. The ice block disappeared last, leaving Dumke Lake well below.

The Ice Age Trail descends past Dumke Lake, across 160th St. (Town Line Rd.) and along Horseshoe Lake's north shore. Near Dam Lake, the Trail traverses a marsh area, and later crosses 144th St. (Ice Age Dr.). Shortly after crossing CTH-M, a signed 300-foot spur trail leads north to a small, primitive campsite (**CH13**). This is one of two primitive campsites maintained by the Chippewa Moraine Visitor Center, each with a privy and fire ring. Check in at the visitor center if you plan to use a site; there is a small fee.

The Ice Age Trail intersects several shorter trails of the Chippewa Moraine National Scientific Reserve. Signage is excellent, making it easy to stay on the Trail. Continue to the visitor center. At 0.7 miles past it, a second signed spur trail leads 750 feet to the other primitive campsite (**CH14**). The Ice Age Trail splits off the reserve's Circle Trail, veering right (northwest) at a signed intersection. A short climb tops a hill that when the forest is leafless offers a view of five different bays (**CH15**). The Ice Age Trail meanders along the east and north side of the segment's second Horseshoe Lake and past numerous wetlands in mixed hardwood forest. The Ice Age Trail exits on 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) (**CH16**).



Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2004



**TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING
FOR THE CHIPPEWA MORAINÉ SEGMENT**



267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) (CH16): From USH-53 take the CTH-M/New Auburn exit. Follow CTH-M east for 7 miles. At STH-40 turn left and go north 0.7 miles. At 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) turn right and go east 0.7 miles to the Trail access on the south side of the road. Limited day-only roadside parking just west of Trail.

AREA SERVICES AND POINT OF INTEREST

**Chippewa Moraine National
Scientific Reserve and Visitor Center**

Access from the Ice Age Trail or from USH-53 take the CTH-M/New Auburn exit. Follow CTH-M east for 9 miles. Turn left at the entrance sign and follow the winding road up to the visitor center and parking area. (13394 CTH-M, Auburn, 715-967-2800, www.chippewacounty.com/maps/chippewa_moraine.html). The center is generally open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. year-round and features exhibits, maps, drinking water and helpful staff. Information and check-in here for the two nearby primitive campsites. Three loop trails start here and share parts of the Ice Age Trail: the Circle Trail (4.5 mile), Dry Lake Trail (1.8 miles) and Mammoth Trail (0.7 miles). These trails feature numerous interpretive signs described in *Hiking Field Trip Guide for Glacial Landforms*, available at the center.

Other services



From the connecting route at STH-40/267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) go 0.7 miles south on STH-40 to CTH-M. INN Style program lodging at Jack's Lake B&B (715-967-2593, www.jackslakebandb.com). From the connecting route at STH-40 and Round Lake Rd., approximately 4 miles north east via STH-40, 136th St. and 138th St. Call ahead for availability.

KEY TO SYMBOLS



Automobile access



Parking



Post office



Restaurant



Grocery store



Convenience store



General shopping



Lodging



Camping



Laundromat



Library



Medical care



Connecting Route
5.3 miles: 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) to Round Lake Rd.

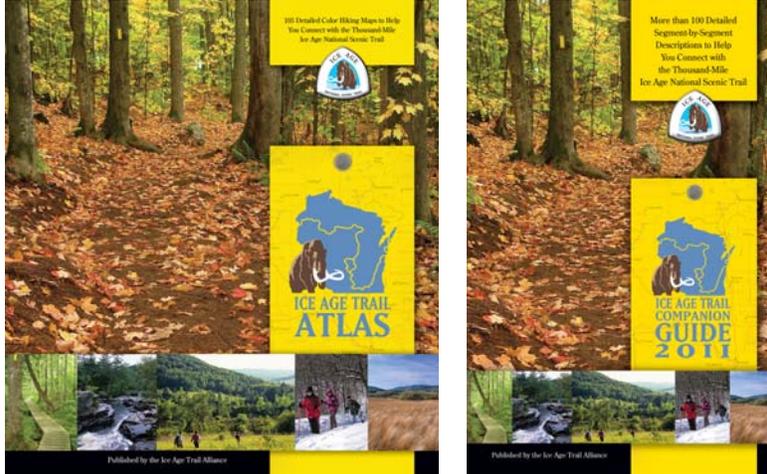
ATLAS MAPS
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The route travels through wooded and lakeside resort areas along rural roads. Exiting the Chippewa Moraine Segment, turn left on 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) (CH16) and go west 0.7 miles. At STH-40 turn right and go north 0.9 miles. At Round Lake Rd. (117th St.) turn left and continue north 3.7 miles to the Rusk County line, where Round Lake Rd. changes names to Plummer Rd. Along the way pass Round Lake County Park, open seasonally. The picturesque park has water, restrooms, parking, picnic area, reservable shelter, boat launch, natural beach and fine swimming.

WAYPOINT DATA

Waypoint No.	Latitude	Longitude	Segment
CH1	45° 10.245'	-91° 10.702'	Chippewa River Segment
CH2	45° 10.822'	-91° 10.708'	Chippewa River Segment
CH3	45° 11.235'	-91° 10.844'	Firth Lake Segment
CH4	45° 11.464'	-91° 11.547'	Firth Lake Segment
CH5	45° 12.244'	-91° 13.470'	Firth Lake Segment
CH6	45° 12.323'	-91° 15.601'	Firth Lake Segment
CH7	45° 12.219'	-91° 16.853'	Harwood Lakes Segment
CH8	45° 12.605'	-91° 18.381'	Harwood Lakes Segment
CH9	45° 12.904'	-91° 18.683'	Harwood Lakes Segment
CH10	45° 13.270'	-91° 19.403'	Harwood Lakes Segment
CH11	45° 13.195'	-91° 19.815'	Harwood Lakes Segment
CH17	45° 13.126'	-91° 19.839'	Harwood Lakes Segment
CH12	45° 13.205'	-91° 21.208'	Chippewa Moraine Segment
CH13	45° 13.416'	-91° 24.227'	Chippewa Moraine Segment
CH14	45° 13.495'	-91° 25.096'	Chippewa Moraine Segment
CH15	45° 13.654'	-91° 25.198'	Chippewa Moraine Segment
CH16	45° 13.884'	-91° 26.278'	Chippewa Moraine Segment

Must-Have Ice Age Trail Books!



The popular *Ice Age Trail Companion Guide* was written for thru, section and day hikers and includes a complete description of the entire thousand-mile Ice Age Trail, including connecting roads; trailhead access information; resupply, dining and lodging information at nearby towns and GPS waypoints for significant Ice Age Trail landmarks.

Since the Companion Guide doesn't contain hiking maps, you'll also want to own the *Ice Age Trail Atlas*. It includes more than 100 color maps showing every mile of the Ice Age Trail route, the locations of parking areas, toilets, campgrounds, shelters, dispersed camping areas, topography and more. The Atlas also includes a gazetteer that describes many of the place names along the Trail.

Both books were written and published by the Ice Age Trail Alliance. All proceeds for each book help build and maintain the Ice Age Trail. Please call the IATA at (800) 227-0046 with any questions.

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